Compulsion to purchase gas stove from LPG distributors

582. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1877 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1986 regarding compulsion by gas distributors for purchasing of gas burners from them and state:

(a) how many complaints have been received by Government from customers in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) in how many cases Government have taken action against the distributors indicating figures during the last three years corporation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Impact of new drug policy

583. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any analysis with regard to the impact of the new drug policy on the development of indigenous capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the mechanism to monitor the drug prices in order to safeguard the interests of the common man, keeping in view the price decontrol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The new measures announced aim at growth of drugs and pharmaceutical industry in the country, *inter alia*, by strengthening the indigenous capability for the production of drugs and pharmaceuticals. Copies of the new measures are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Under the new measures there will be price control in respect of two categories of drugs viz., Category I, drugs needed for National Health Programme and II, other essential drugs which will be identified by an Expert Committee. However, in the measures there is a stipulation to the effect that Government will have the right to bring within the ambit of control, any drug in the de-controlled category, at any point of time, should it be considered necessary to do so.

Unauthorised running of chemical factories

584. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chemical factors are being run at H|13-A and G-24 in Shakarpur residential area, Delhi, in violation of the licensing conditions and pollution control orders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was brought to the notice of the authorities concerned sometime in November, 1986;

(c) whether any verification has been made by Government to establish facts; if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) if answer to (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?